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SUBJECT: CSCE, CBM'S: UK TEXT ON "VOLUNTARY BASIS"

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1. AFTTEER MEETING WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR MENDELEVITCH, UK
DELEGATION CHIEF HILDYARD INFORMED US ON MAY 22 THAT
SOVIETS ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT UK TEXXT IN PARA 4 OF
REFTEL, SUBJECT TO TWO AMENDMENTS, AND SUBJECT TO CONDITION
THAT YET TO BE AGREED OPERATIVE TEXT GIVING NATURE OF COMMITMENT
WOULD NOT NULLIFY CONCEPT OF VOLUNTARY BASIS IN UK'S PREAMBULAR
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APPROACH.

2. SOVIET AMENDMENTS ARE THAT "INDISPENSABLE" SHOULD BE RREPLACED BY "ESSENTIAL" IN THIRD PREAMBULAR CLAUSE; AND THAT "THEREFORE" SHOULD BE DROPPED FROM FOURTH PREAMBULAR CLAUSE, SO THAT THIS LAST CLAUSE WOULD READ "RECOGNIZING THAT THIS MEASURE, DERIVING FROM POLITICAL DECISION, RESTS UPON A VOLUNTARY BASIS."

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE ARE UNCERTAIN WHAT NATURE OF COMMITMENT THE SOVIETS WOULD CONSIDER AS NULLIFYING THE VOLUNTARY VASIS, WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT SOVIETS COULD BE PERSUADED TO ACCEPT A TRANSITIONAL CLAUSE AT END OF PREAMBULE MAKING CLEAR THAT OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS CONSTITUTE RESOLUTIONS AND NOT AGREEMENTS, AND THAT THEY COULD THEN ACCEPT "WILL" IN SUBSEQUENT OPERATIVE TEXT. IF SO, US AND SOVIET POSITIONS WOULD BE CONSISTENT AND WE BELIEVE OTHERS COULD BE BROUGHT INTO A GENERAL CONSENSUS ON NATURE OF COMMITMENT. DALE

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